

Stories Eminently Worth Telling of Experiences and Adventures in the Great National Struggle.

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and exhilarating spectacle, no less than an unobstructed view of Early's whole army, as in a moving panorama, for an entire day. It happened in this way:

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who was watching the movement. As the Dragoons with their deadly Spencers moved briskly forward there was every indication of a real battle, when, lo! all at once the hosts of Early, drawn up in plain sight, in lines of battle, dissolved, melted away, and began their retreat, after throwing out a strong rear guard to delay the pursuit as much as possible. Every now and then the men of the rear guard would turn about and fire at their nearest pursuer. The man directly in front of me was a of Chacellorsville, he started off on a doubt the front the pursuit and to help Gen. Lee fight the battle and for the front at a moment's notice. Gen. Lew Wallace, to whose command we belonged, was on the top of a hill near the was not the top of a hill near the two was not the top of a hill near the two was not the top of a hill near the two solved, and the terrified horses sweeping sideways, made to and from the position he occupied. In the afternoon our regiment and the lost of trampling on me, opened out on either side, and left me unharmed.

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During the Spring of 1863, at a time when Longstreet should have been at hand to help Gen. Lee fight the battle and for the first time saw wounded men don't claim to be infallible, but the more I inquire into the history the more

a strange and almost incredible inci-dent befell me. Comrades will hardly believe me when I state that I actually caught a rebel bullet in my mouth. It happened in this way: While peering between two oak rails, to see how things were going on in front, along came a rebel bullet and struck the real struck the relative to the pangs of hunger being entirely forgotten in the glories of a battle won

Instinct of self-preservation naturally scribably grand. Even non-combatants When we reached our position in the kept them as far apart as possible, and could not resist the impulse to attach line it was nearly sundown, snow falling great deal of harm. I have known a were covered with foam. Scores threw shivering and stamping our feet to keep with gallant spirit. Fort or nothing them warm, at last we were ordered to him warm, at last we were ordered to hiv out of them warm, at last we were ordered to him warm, at last we were ordered surgeon attending to the wounded, a mile or more in the rear of the firing line, to be struck and killed by a stray bullet.

Rebel prisoners were always objects of curiosity. I remember seeing several thousand of them in a bunch at Falling.

Early in the following morning Col. narrow escape from being trampled un-found a hole burned in it large enough. Thorp, of the 1st N. Y. Dragoons, was der foot by panic-stricken horses. While to put my arm through; but fortunately ordered to deploy his regiment (mount-ed) across the Valley, for the purpose of renewing the engagement. The evo-mounted skirmishers, along came Sherbution was executed in fine style and to the evident satisfaction of Gen. Merritt, who was watching the movement. As the Dragoons with their deadly Spencon the ground, rose up and poured a Lew Wallace, to whose command we

men of the rear guard would turn about and fire at their nearest pursuer. The man directly in front of me was a poor marksman, but after a while his arrauding, cattle and provision stealing rew better, so, whenever he got ready to fire, I took the precaution to dismount and use my horse for a breastwork. When I found he could not even hit my horse, broadside on, I considered myself immune, and did not pay much attention to him for the rest of the day. During the night time his men pecking away at us all day, the casualties were slight. We parted company pecking away at us all day, the casual-tles were slight. We parted company with the Johnnies at Harrisonburg.

used to come down and dig rifle pits in the balls began to go zip, zip, through the balls began to go zip, zip, through the branches of the trees and the un-tions. They kept up a terrible fusilade of musketry from sunrise till sunset, to the right in line of battle across the with the Johnnies at Harrisonburg.

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he planted another hallet in the center of my tree just opposite my breast. The rebels getting reinforcements we were which gave Sherldan the two stars of rebels getting reinforcements, we were forced out of the woods and compelled to take refuge behind a rail fence. Here strange and almost incredible treis. General down to the humblest private. We had not had a mouthful of food for

to the ground, dragged the saber along with him. The other Confederate leader was knocked off his horse and captured. The slashing of sabers and arring of revolvers lasted only a few seconds, when the Confederates turned and fied.

The grandest and most inspiring speciacle in the experience of the writder was the famous Federal cavalry charge at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864. The regiment was consolidated. The regiment belonged to Osterhaus's Division, Thirtakile was raging flercely in front, the cavalry, lying idle in the rear, were and lost 19 killed and 281 died from waiting impatiently for the welcoms.

Ish a short account of the 129th Ohio.

John Sexton, Canton, O.

We have still on hand a very few of Anderson-ville, the very best picture of Anderson-ville, the very best picture of that hor-vible place ever published. Many hundreds of them have been sold at \$5 among whom was a Confederate brass band cooped up in ene of the bomb-value of four yearly subscribers. This picture is five feet long and three feet five inches wide, and when framed would make an excellent addition to the farmishings of a Post Room.

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FORT DONELSON.

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experience on a battlefield was at Fort Donelson. My regiment, the 76th Ohio, had left its recruiting camp at Newark, O., on Feb. 9, 1862, and about the 12th.

After standing in line fully two hours,

snapped off a leg of a cavalryman's snapped off a leg of a cavalryman's with him he was glad to surrender. At horse as if it had been a pipe stem, with him he was glad to surrender. At Another shell exploded directly under the close of a fight near the Blackwater, in southeastern Virginia, in 1863, I counted at least half a dozen rebel prisoners carrying Spear's peculiar earman soon fell asleep. Before morning one of the boys gave me a jog and should in my ear, "Lieut, Burt, your ments of the Union army receiving special mention by the War Department regiments."

FORT MAHONE.

the 76th Ohlo in the The Part Takenaby the 27th Mich. on That Momentous April 2, 1865.

Editor National Tribune: My first Book of Michigan" says: "Prominent among the chain of works in front of our army at Peters-burg was Fort Mahone. It had been I think, we reached Paducah. We went down the Ohio River from Cincinnati break on the day before the evacuation down the Ohio River from Cincinnati break on the day before the evacuation on transports, and arrived at Paducah in the evening, but did not go ashore I was officer of the guard that day and point of attack about 300 yards distant; eminent Southern doctor and minister. night, and just before daylight a transpoint of attack about 300 yards distant;
hight, and just before daylight a transport came alongside and tied up to our
boat, and a Lieutenant jumped aboard
and greeted me with the first information that had reached Paducah of the

southern doctor and minister,
who has for over thirty-two years been
identified with the cure of catarrh in all
its worst forms.

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enough to satisfy you that it is a real, tion that had reached Paducah of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich, is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich is in their sup- enough to satisfy you that it is a control of the gade of the 27th Mich is in diers and army supplies, our regiment muskery and artillery is opened by the the nose and throat, catarrhal head-included, and also a number of gun-enemy. The new troops waver for a aches, constant spitting, catarrhal deaf-REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL Call to mount. As we moved forward to the front, Capt. A. K. Thorp, who was riding by my side, remarked, as heard the sound of the firing, "They are making more widows and orphans over the making more widows and orphans over the making more widows and orphans over the adding to the ground, a rebel bullet headlong to the ground at ground to the firing, "They are make an attack on Fort Donebase head to the new brigade: Boys, we have taken the fort for you, and for tensews in vigor, and the news or so to the rear of it. We halted frequently, so that our progress was solw, you can hold it. But the firing extens assault is likely to prove a failure; death to halt and await orders; disinstinct of self-preservation naturally kept them as far apart as possible, and even in time of battle the combatants were almost entirely hidden from each other by the enveloping clouds of smoke occasioned by the rapid fire of musketry and artillery. At such times deline in the Sixth, Eighth and so the men fired at random and recklessly, often wasting their ammunition. Yet those random shots did a with over-evertion that their line. Attended our position in the line it was nearly sundown, show falling and pretty cold. Men were detailed themselves to the moving column. The confederate infantry, who from dawn of day had been engaged in a bloody conflict with the Sixth, Eighth and Nineteenth Corps, were totally unpreliment to go out on the picket line. I remember how I pitied from our regiment to go out on the picket line. I remember how I pitied those poor fellows who had to stand out in the cold snow storm all night in front of the enemy. We had been playing soldler at Camp Sherman, Ohio, for large at random and recklessly, often wasting their ammunition. Yet those random shots did a with over-evertion that their line it was nearly sundown, show falling it was nearly sundown, show falling from our regiment to go out on the form our regiment to go out on the discovery, and want to make the fine it was nearly sundown, show falling its to attempt the fort with 123 men in the line it was nearly sundown, show falling its to attempt the fort with 123 men in the line it was nearly sundown, show falling its to attempt the fort with 123 men in the line it was nearly sundown, show falling its to attempt the fort with 123 men in the line it was the deafening roar and answers back

thousand of them in a bunch at Falling Waters, Md., just after the battle of Gettysburg.

On a bright day in October, 1864, after Winchester and Cedar Creek, the writer feasted bis ever upon a grand the North of the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the ultimate and enable them to treat us to some cleared, the walls are gained, and on the intervention of the Union cause, and brought about a speedy decline in the price of gold, which was then at high-water many of the boys have given to have gone home to supper and to bed that night?

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of Michigan," written by a reliable and competent officer, a witness of the "on pleasantness." I trust, Mr. Editor the comrades who read the dear old Naol. Alfred Gibbs. The old war horse ad presence of mind enough to rear point his hind legs long enough to allow the shell to explode without doing my harm.

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As I have been severely criticized several times by comrades as to the correctness of my version of the capture of Fort Mahona and death of Gen.

Sheridan gathered up the remnant of Early's proud army at Waynesboro, Va., early in the following Spring, the rebel General himself escaping capture only by a solitary and precipitate flight. During our cavalry campaign in the Shenandoah Valley we had many thrilling experiences. One day while my regiment (1st N.T. Dragoons) was moving leisurely along the pike through a forest near Berryville suddenly and without warning we encountered a bringard of Confederates. The surprise was mutual. We would as been gobble upon the best of the carbines are all the Spencer carbines which made a restment equal to a bringal equipped with single-barreled rifes or carbines. Both sides instantly deployed as skirmishers, each man taking refuge behind any vallable tree. My individual tree was quite too small, less than a foot in diameter. Presently I saw a tall North Carolinain orawing a bead on me from behind a tree and putting to first server the form of the same color, it was difficult one than eight rods away. His first shot scorched the left leg of my trousers, the planted the next shot on my right. Also showing the place too strong, in position about 19 yards in front of and a little lower down the hill. They mismediately opened fire on the belief was continued as left and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and all little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They impediately and a little lower down the hill. They individued tree is first. The opened fire on the took of the research the case of the parabet of the research the case of the parabet of the star of the star of the parabet of the proposition of the parabet of the parabe who do not know better than any of us hold but wore the gray. Of this I an can tell. can tell.

That was on Saturday. That evening we moved a little farther to the front and bivouacked for the night. The next morning—Sunday—before we moved again to the front, I took the opportunity to look over the ground when the sunday of this I am certain, as my viewpoint was on the outer angle of the fort, where my company (B) was the first to get inside, more by accident than otherwise. It happened thus: In front of the works, comrade Linck will remember (if, as tunity to look over the ground where the battle had been going on the day before. The underbrush and saplings were shivered with the balls. Here was pointing towards us; then some chehappened in this way: While peering between two oak rails, to see how thing seems that we way to be tween two oak rails, to see how thing seems are possible two oak rails, to see how thing seems are possible two oak rails, to see how thing seems are possible to the two oak rails, to see how thing seems are possible and struck the rail directly forgotten in the glories of a battle won.

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lost track of after we passed them at the rifle pits mentioned. Knowing the Sixth Corps was to the left, I might naturally have ignored those new troops in my former article, but I wish to in-form Comrade Linck it was not intentional by any means to leave them out. because they were entitled to great credit for the gallant manner in which they were entitled to great they repelled the enemy and restored our lines at Fort Steadman on March 28, '65, and for going over and into that vortex of hell on April 2, '65. Veteran troops could not have excelled that des-perate charge, and all of the older troops were quite proud of their be-havior on that day.

I wonder if the comrade remembers

chance for a fight." As we marched into Petersburg the 3d we marched between embankments on either side of the road, which were lined with a motley crowd of colored finally drove them back, and the rebs people, several hundred, all singing, reformed and charged six or seven "We will hang Jeff Davis on a sour aptimes, to the best of my recollection, "We will hang Jeff Davis on a sour ap-ple tree." I believe that time and when Gen. Lee surrendered was the happiest line again. There were no barricade

A word or two more and I am done. nies had present more non-coms than Ohio, Wisterman, O. privates after the promotions. I was also commissioned a Second Lieutenant. All this promotion was granted for conspicuous gallantry at the taking of Fort Mahone, if I remember correctly.—B S. Philbrick, Co. B, 27th Mich., Ho quiam, Wash.

Editor National Tribune: I have no-

ticed in The National Tribune several statements from different parties as to the death of Gen. Nelson, and I want to say that none of them is correct. I was in command of his escort, composed of 26 men and two Corporals out of the 9th Ky. Cav. and 9th Pa. Cav., at the time of his death, and am quite familiar with the circumstances attending his death. The night before the fatal meet-ing Gen. Davis came to headquarters to ce about arming some Home Guards, refugees and recruits who had been put in his division. Nelson asked Davis how many guns he wanted, and Davis said about 2,000. Nelson at once flew into a vis retired, saying, "I will see you again." The next morning I was at the Commissary Department drawing ra-tions for my men, and just as I was oming out I saw Gen. Davis and some Major walking toward the Galt House They were earnestly engaged in con versation, and as I knew what had happened the previous night I guessed there was trouble brewing and followed them. Just as I entered the lobby Davis had fired at Nelson, who was in his shirt sleeves, walking up and down. Capt. Lee, formerly of the 6th Ky., tried to take the pistol, but Davis shook him off and handed the weapon to the Major who had come with him. Nelson ran up the stairs before he fell, and Lieut, Horton, one of the General's Alds, asked me to clear the hall of the crowd which had gathered, so that I did not get to see the General after he was shot.—H. Ford, First Sergeant, Co. F, 9th Ky.

Battle of Franklin. Editor National Tribune: I notice in

Cav., McCune, Kan.

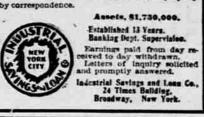
the "Battle of Franklin," by J. A. Wil-liams, Co. E. 135th Ind., that he has made some misstatements; that is, acording to my remembrance of the battle, which I will give. We fell back from Columbia on the day of the fight, Nov. 20, 1864, arriving at Springfield about 2:30 p. m. We formed our line, and went to work to throw up breast-works. About 4 o'clock saw the rebels advancing three or four columns deep. A skirmish line in our front composed of the Fourth Corps came rushing back pell-mell, the rebs being within vards of them. They did not reform as I remember, but remained in the works with us until the firing ceased which was about 10 o'clock p. m. The rebs came onto our works before we Brig.-Gen. Harriman, formerly Colonel fired on them, and they bore so heavily of the 37th Wis., standing on the top of on the center on the pike that they our works, waving his sword and shout-ing to us: "Go in, boys; it's your last ner's Second Division charged the rebels and drove them back, fighting them for nearly an hour hand to hand. I was just to the right of the pike, and could clearly see all that was going on. but did not succeed in breaking our moment of my life, except when I got of locust brush in front of the works only fine brush which had been cu down in getting head logs for the works confirmatory of my claim for the 27th The battle lasted till 10 o'clock, as Mich., every Captain and Lieutenant remember. The command began to present, including the Colonel, was move out of the works an hour later, brevetted, the Captains to Majors, Lieu- and my regiment was detailed to guard tenants given a notch, and a regimental the works, where we lay until midnight order promoted Sergeants and Corpo-rals to fill up the full complement of knees so that the enemy might not non-coms. and First Sergeants to Sec-know that we were falling back to ond Lieutenants. Some of our compa-Nashville.—M. Campbell, Co. H, 118th

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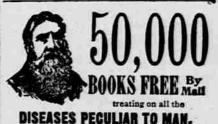
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